

Brighton Secondary School

Connections

Connecting with the past, building the future



Principal Comments

Whether it be distinctions in the State Languages Competition; National Champions in Science & Volleyball; State Champions in the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge and F1 Cars; Knock-Out Champions in Baseball, Soccer, Cricket, Tennis, Basketball, Football, Netball, Table Tennis or Badminton, Brighton Secondary students continue to give their best.

So too, do the parents who rise at 3am to manage the fortnightly Car Boot Sales; the Parents & Friends Committee; the Pedal Prix parents and all those parents who support their children by attending conference evenings, check the homework and support the fundraising. Without the staff none of the students could meet her/his potential and we have arguably the most committed teachers in the State.

More than any other year, 2008 has been momentous as it will go down in Brighton Secondary School's history as the year the Governing Council took the decision to go digital. Next year all staff will have a laptop and all year 9 students will learn with a laptop using wireless infrastructure across the school. The students will have access to the laptop 24/7 and lease it over 4 years, culminating in ownership. By 2012 all year levels will be learning with laptops.

The Federal Government's pledge to provide all students with a computer has assisted the implementation of this '1 to 1' learning initiative, but the \$1,000 per student falls way short of the \$2,600 Mac Book Package; the \$180,000 wireless infrastructure; the \$95,000 staff laptops and significant professional development costs. Nevertheless, the \$228,000 in Round 2 of the Digital Education Revolution (DER) funding model assists us in achieving our vision.

We want Brighton students to have access to 21st Century technology and more importantly, access to excellent teaching which uses technology. Most of our students have a MySpace or Facebook site and use technology at home for social networking. The power of Facebook is reflected in the story of Facebook founder, Chris Hughes, Senator Obama's campaign manager, who raised \$120m from donations (\$200 or less) using the web.

By the end of 2008, I am delighted that Old Scholars will be able to connect through a Brighton Facebook. We are particularly grateful to Old Scholar, Alan Noble, who graduated in 1978. Alan is the Director of Engineering, Google Australia and has provided the school with invaluable advice in establishing a Learner Management system across the school.

During 2008, with the Holdfast Bay City Council, we continued to secure the \$2m pledge from the Federal Government to kick-start a Community Performing Arts Centre. The Community Performing Arts Centre Appeal Committee worked diligently through 2007 and 2008 developing architects' plans for a \$6m centre. Unfortunately, the economic downturn has determined a phased project: Phase 1 a 400 seat performance space like "The Space" at the Festival Centre and Phase 2 the full-blown 500 seat auditorium. We look forward to announcing the first stage of building in 2009.

2008 was the inaugural year of the Lions' sponsored son/daughter of an Old Scholar Scholarship. In its first year, we achieved double the outcome, because the lucky recipients were Year 8 twins, Thomas and Taylor Agars, whose mother, Ms Jeannie Agars (nee Errington), graduated from Brighton High School in 1968.

Brighton Secondary School continues to rate internationally – we welcomed students from Hakuo Junior High School, Tokyo and have a partnership with Kansai University which provides scholarships to students to study across the world. The Concert Band successfully toured Beijing and Shanghai in Term 4 establishing links for the World Expo in 2010.

Brighton students continue to make us all proud to be part of this wonderful institution. Every year is a joy at Brighton, but 2012 will be very special to us all, when we turn 60. Imagine how many friends we will have on Facebook by that time! We would love to hear your ideas about how we will celebrate our 60th.

Olivia O'Neill
Principal



Governing Council Report

Community is what keeps a
good school getting better.

It's been a pleasure being part of Brighton Secondary School Council in 2008. A school is a complex community made of many parts. No one individual can have all the knowledge or supply all the energy to create such a successful school as BSS. It takes the knowledge and energy of many dedicated people working together to achieve this result. I am happy to report that we have many of these people on staff and Council. It's been a pleasure working with them in moving towards our goals.

I would like to thank David Thomson and his team for producing another Connections Newsletter for Brighton Old Scholars. This is a fabulous magazine that reports all the significant happenings at BSS over the year and a browse through it will bring back a lot of nostalgic feelings for our Old Scholars.

An active old scholar's network is a great asset for a school. It can add richness to the experiences of alumni for many years after graduation. It's fun. And it's hard work too, to maintain and nurture. So if you're curious about the school, or feel like being connected, please give David a call at the school. He will be happy to talk to you.

A successful school such as BSS continues to strive towards future goals. The 10 year dream of a volleyball stadium has been accomplished, and the Council has now turned its attention to the long standing dream of a first class Performance Centre. A great deal of energy and time has been contributed to this project over the year by many people. The project has taken many forms and is still evolving. We are pleased to have an agreement in principle for a two million dollar grant from the Federal government, in conjunction with Holdfast Council, to develop a community performance centre on our grounds.

Sometimes we don't have the luxury of working on large goals one at a time. Circumstances occur that require working on simultaneous projects to take advantage of new opportunities when they arise. The new Federal government recently asked schools to apply for funding to supply computers to students on a one computer to two student basis. To maximise benefits to BSS we need to be involved in this program now. The Council, Principal and other leaders of the school, after listening to experts in the field, have seen that a significantly greater benefit to learning would occur if we could move to a one to one model.

It is planned that the 'one to one' model will be introduced with the Year 9s in 2009. The Federal money will be used to subsidise some of the cost for laptops for all Year 9s. The school will fund the significant costs of enhancing the wireless network and the many other aspects of this initiative that are required to make it a success.

This is a big project and will require a great deal of planning and vision. It has the potential to engage students and enhance learning significantly in the future.

Again the people of BSS are demonstrating the knowledge and energy to pursue goals that will keep BSS a very successful place.

There are many other activities and achievements happening at BSS, as a look through this magazine will confirm. It's both exciting and a privilege to be a part of this school community. As an old scholar if you would like to be involved in any area, please contact David, you will find it very rewarding.

Mark Edwards
Chair, Governing Council



Brighton High School
Brighton Boys Technical School
Mawson High School
Brighton Secondary School

Celebrating our

60th Anniversary in 2012

We are seeking any interested old scholars who would like to be involved in a planning committee

Please contact Deb Parsons on
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Anzac Day Ceremony

Brighton Jetty April 25th

Brighton Secondary School students participated in the Dawn Service held at Brighton on Anzac Day 25th April. The following speeches were delivered by our two Head Prefects, Tara Garrard and Jonathon Windsor.

ANZAC day is a time for us to remember the sacrifices that many men and women made for our freedom today. Their sacrifices enabled us to enjoy the peace that we have in our country.

Fathers, sons and brothers,
together they fought and died.
That we may live in peace together,
while at home their mothers cried.
When that final bugle calls them
to cross that great divide
Those comrades will be waiting
when they reach the other side.

This is a verse from the poem
'A Tribute to ANZAC Day' by Ken Bunker.

For me and the majority of my peers we have the privilege of enjoying relationships with our brothers, fathers and grandfathers, unlike the ANZAC's. My grandfather's father went to war never to return, leaving he and his two brothers to grow up without a father. We cannot begin to understand how it would have been to have a father, son or brother, leave for war with little idea when and if they were coming home. Today's generation has not experienced first hand the horror that a war can bring. We can only rely on the news, media, stories and history taught in a classroom. We learn of heroes, their courage, mateship and strong patriotism.

However many of our generation still aspire to these qualities today, helping us to make the

ANZAC story more than just a history lesson. Courage can be developed in our young people by taking on leadership roles in their school and local communities. We can make a stand on issues instead of being apathetic. Mateship can be displayed by being loyal to our friends and family, not giving up when the going gets tough and showing respect and inclusiveness to other cultures and beliefs. We can continue our patriotic culture by being proud of who we are as a nation and supporting our sports men and women. An understanding and a respect for our past generations and the history they have created is an important link in our patriotism. Taking part in ceremonies such as this and listening to their stories will ensure that we do not forget. May we never have to experience the pain and suffering that our ANZAC's did but may we honour and remember them.

By Tara Garrard,



Dux of the School

Jasmine Pater

This certificate is awarded in recognition of the most outstanding level of academic achievement in Year 12 studies in 2008.

Jasmine is a very worthy recipient of this prestigious award. Jasmine excelled in all chosen areas of study, achieving very impressive sets of results.

The Brighton Secondary School congratulates Jasmine on her excellent achievements.

SACE STAGE 2
Brighton Secondary School

RESULTS REPORT 2007

Last year our top two students were Victoria Anderson and Kyle Talbot. Both achieved a TER of 99.15 which is an outstanding result and places them in the top 1% of students. Victoria received two 20's and four 19's, whilst Kyle received three 19's.

Both Toby Phillips and Adrian Battista also achieved highly. Toby received a TER of 98.95 and Adrian 98.1. Lydia Abendschein deserves special mention for achieving a TER of 97.9.

Our results last year compare very favourably with 2006. In 2007 we had twenty one of our students receiving a TER of 95 and above, compared to the previous year where only six students managed to do so.

198 students completed their SACE with 167 receiving a TER. There were 23 full-time year 12/13 students who did not complete their SACE. This was due to thirteen not getting three SA's for the compulsory three stage 2 units and ten withdrawing from several or all subjects during the year.

Victoria Anderson, Taria Pietsch and Scott Morris received seven A Grades.

The following students received six A Grades: Natalie Kasperek, Josh Morphet.

The following students received five A Grades: Kyle Talbot, Toby Phillips, Adrian Battista, Lydia Abendschein, Dahe Gu, Robert Skurray, Lauren Van Nieuwmans, Zoe Finch, Charlotte Brunner, Jennifer Partington, Jamie-Lee Pennesi. This was a fantastic achievement from these students, especially considering three students received five A's in 2006.

Eighteen students received four A Grades and twenty one students three A Grades.

These are excellent results.

TER Score	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
95+	21	6	19	14	17	17	26
90-95	11	19	18	20	9	18	19
85-90	23	16	21	21	17	11	21
80-85	11	22	18	16	14	13	29
75-80	19	20	15	14	23	29	7
70-75	19	15	16	12	11	15	18
Total	171	158	174	176	187	188	197

These results are higher than previous years (exception 2001) in the 95+ section; however the overall number gaining a TER was comparatively less.

TER	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
95+	12.3%	3.8%	10.9%	8%	9.1%	9%	13.2%
90+	18.7%	15.8%	21.3%	19.3%	13.9%	18.6%	22.8%
85+	32.2%	25.9%	33.3%	31.3%	23%	24.5%	33.5%
80+	38.6%	39.9%	43.7%	40.3%	30.5%	31.4%	48.2%
75+	49.7%	52.5%	52.3%	48.3%	42.8%	46.8%	51.8%
70+	60.8%	62%	61.5%	55.1%	48.7%	54.8%	60.9%

Nineteen students received 33 merits (scores of 20/20) in 11 different subjects.

Warren Eaton
SACE / Senior School Coordinator



Idris Martin



Tara Garrard

Friends of Brighton Award 2008
Idris Martin

This award is presented by the Friends of Brighton Secondary School to a Year 11 student who has demonstrated leadership and citizenship qualities in the school community. Idris Martin has demonstrated to his teachers and peers an exemplary level of commitment to study, observance of school policy, involvement in extra-curricular activities and service to the school and wider community. He brings honour to Brighton Secondary School. Idris is a most worthy recipient of this award.

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Scholar's Award 2008
Tara Garrard

Tara has demonstrated to a very high degree the school values of cooperation, excellence, fairness, integrity, respect and responsibility.



International Student Programs

International students provide our school community with:

- Opportunities to develop a broader view of the world,
- Increased 'real life' opportunities to learn about and engage with students from outside Australia,
- Meaningful opportunities to converse in and practice a different language.
- Opportunities to make global connections and provide more of a global perspective to learning.

Orientation Program

Brighton Secondary School provides all new international students in the first weeks of each semester with a quality orientation program which is undertaken in a supportive learning environment. Students are provided with critical information on; student visas, health cover, personal safety, finance, home-stay, travel, essential services and Australian culture. The feedback from students and agents has been very positive as the students have more time to absorb the information that is vital to the success and enjoyment of their stay in Australia.

This year our orientation program, culminated in our newest international students travelling to either the Port Noarlunga Aquatics Centre or the Vertical Reality Rock Climbing and Zone 3 Laser Skirmish Centres. We also took some time out to visit Light's Vision on Montefiore Hill. They were both highly successful days where students developed their teamwork skills and also got to know each other a little better.

Student comments:

- I think it was good because we can play together and we can help each other.
- I love that game which gave us an opportunity to make new friends.
- I think it was such a great day - new people and new activities. It was really good for us to improve our language skills.
- Our team won the game. I feel so happy.

Japanese Short Term Study Tour – Hakuo Junior High School

From Wednesday 23rd July to Friday 1st August, Brighton Secondary School played host to a group of Short Term Study Tour visitors from Japan. Their program had been planned by the school in conjunction with International Education Services to improve their grasp of the English language and to provide a taste of our Australian lifestyle. Students attended English as a Second Language classes and also attended some classes with their Australian 'buddies'. Their program was varied and included making Anzac biscuits, sporting activities such as Australian Rules football and volleyball and also a Sayonara party.

At other times our visitors enjoyed excursions around Adelaide which included visits to the Cleland Wildlife Sanctuary and the Warriparinga Aboriginal Cultural Centre where students had an opportunity to hear and play a didgeridoo. Even our beaches were a fresh experience for them.

Many people contributed to the positive atmosphere engendered by this visit, by either planning or being involved in the many activities. The term began with a real lift for staff, students and, we hope, our Japanese visitors.

The International Programs Committee would like to sincerely thank all students and staff involved in the program; in particular Ms Lynlee Graham Acting Coordinator International Student Programs and Ms Deb Parsons Manager International Student Programs. Special thanks also to our ESL teachers, Ms Olivia O'Neill and Ms Simone Retallick along with Ms Jenny Hilterbrand who assisted with essential program support.

Our final thanks are to the host families, which included our own staff, and the wonderful students who were Australian 'buddies' for our Japanese guests.

"It was good to welcome someone as a stranger and sad to see them leave as a friend"
– Homestay family 2008

David Thomson
International Student Programs Coordinator



Japanese Short Term Study Tour - Hakuo Junior High School

Sister School Visit

On Wednesday 6th and Thursday 14th August 10 students and 2 staff from our sister school - Toyodai-Himeji High School visited our school once again and enjoyed the experience of being buddied with one of our year 9 Japanese classes. Thank you to all staff involved.

David Thomson, Coordinator International Student Programs



International Student Programs Orientation Day



Intensive Secondary English Course

Brighton Secondary School offered an Intensive Secondary English Course (ISEC) in the curriculum for the first time in 2008. The ISEC program offers a learning environment

that nurtures social cohesion and intercultural perspectives for students before they enter the mainstream. This class usually consists of no more than fifteen students who have a program specifically designed to assist in developing their English proficiency, their knowledge of Australia and Australian lifestyle and introductory courses designed to familiarise students with schooling in Australia.

ISEC Excursion Learning skills for living and studying in Australia.

On Friday the 15th of February, Ms Retallick and our ISEC class went on an excursion to the city. The purpose of our visit into the city was to experience a range of different places in Adelaide. We went to four well-known Adelaide places, this included, the South Australian Museum, the Art Gallery, China Town and the Central Markets. The South Australian Museum was a very interesting place. There was a very big, pink squid, it looked very friendly and I also thought that the koala sitting in the tree was very cute. Next we walked to the Art Gallery and I enjoyed looking at all the lovely Australian Indigenous paintings. By this time we were all very hungry. We went to China Town for lunch and I ordered Purogoki which is a very nice Korean dish. We then walked to the Central Market, where we were required to find out the prices of different foods, by asking the shop assistant. By completing this exercise, I was able to practise my English and build my confidence. My first school excursion in Australia was a very rewarding and satisfying day.

Yurie Morisawa - Japan

We had a very comfortable day today. The sunshine was mild and the breeze was soft, luckily. We went to Cleland Wildlife Park today and had a very pleasurable experience there. First we went to the Mount Lofty Summit. There is a beautiful view there. We could see the most part of Adelaide. Then we went to the Cleland Wildlife Park where we had an interesting lesson. We saw the bearded lizard, the children's python, a ring-tailed possum and a rainbow lorikeet. Among them I liked the rainbow lorikeet best. It's cute, funny and also it can dance. I thought maybe it could attend the television dance show and it could get a

good reward! After we went to see the koalas, kangaroos, dingos, ducks and emus, they were so friendly; they were not scared of us. Among them I liked the koalas best. They were so cute and their actions were also very funny. Everyone had a good time there and didn't want to leave. But we had to leave the park and go home. So we got on the bus and talked about the time we would come back.

Yibo Wang (Bob) - China

ISEC CAMP – MANNUM

The camp has finished. I felt happy during that time. I really love to do something with all my classmates out of school. Because we know each other well and then we can relax on the holiday better. The first day, we went to Mannum Caravan Park and settled into a bunkhouse. The bunkhouse was much better than I imagined. After lunch we drove to Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal site – home of the black duck dreaming. I had never been so close to the Aboriginals. That's very interesting for me. After that, we went to have the BBQ dinner. That's very yummy but it still can be better, if we can have more hamburgers! After BBQ dinner we went to have the Big Bend Nocturnal Wildlife tour. I saw three rabbits, one mouse, many spider eyes, four emu eggs and two emus. The weather was really cool, it must be the reason why the animals didn't want to appear. When we went back to the bunkhouse we played games together, so did the teachers. We had a good night. The second day, after breakfast we went to the museum. I bought many things as gifts for my family. It cost me much money. Then we went to a chocolate factory. I saw many kinds of chocolate, they were lovely but finally I bought ice-cream. That's most of my tour. I loved it!

Xuhua Huang (Key) - China

David Thomson
Coordinator International Student Programs



All the Pretty Boxes

Rock Eisteddfod 2008

POSITION IN STATE 1ST

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE: Choreography, set design, stage use, performance skill and set crew

AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT: Concept, costuming, makeup, drama, soundtrack and lighting

Polina Starovoitova
 Alan Todd
 Imogen Behan

Director/Chief Choreographer
 Producer/director, set design/costume design/makeup design
 Stage Manager

What a night! After the disasters that plagued our day, with set pieces broken and our lead dancer down with a raging virus, the last thing we expected was to win, but win we did. However we didn't have it all our own way. The early awards were shared by Bordertown and Blackwood, but as the major ones were announced we picked up most of them.

This really was a team effort. For such a young team, the dancers were outstanding and we have seldom had such a group of dedicated professionals with which to work. They would be the envy of any dance school. We asked so much of them in terms of choreography and they rose to the occasion. Our choreographic team were there every Sunday for nine months putting it all together and much credit goes to Lauren Cox in her last production, Steve Pashidis, Ngioka Bunda Heath, Tilly Bray and Paige Marsh. We also really appreciated the help of Erin McAnna.

GenY with its propensity to restlessness, dislike of commitment and its associated emotional baggage became our theme this year. The one telling visual factor came from a piece of advice to the lovelorn of GenY to 'pack everything to do with the failed relationship in a box and put it in the back of the closet'. Our boxes dominated the stage as we took our lead character, Ngioka, through power struggles, problems with conformity and romance and successively packed away the detritus. In the end, all the unresolved problems re-emerged in the furious table dance and Ngioka announced that 'this time she was going to get it right'. Of course she never did.

As ever we were still choreographing and reshaping right up to the performance and it is a tribute to the endeavour and professionalism of the choreographers under Polina as much as the willingness of the talented cast that we got it to the theatre at all. This was Polina's last year with the company after seven years of dedication. Her enthusiasm and drive, her sense of humour and sense of purpose will all be missed. It is rare to find the unique combination of brilliant dancer, electric performer and conceptual artist let alone in someone still in her teens. We wish her well as she moves overseas for 2009.

Of course, we rely so much on the support we receive from our community. Lillian Withers did a superb job of making and coordinating the costumes. This is a huge task and we are so grateful to have someone of her skill and enthusiasm backing us up. Margie Blackwood came back to supervise makeup for the tenth year in a row and Lauren Huntley rolled in a babysitter for the night [mum] for her new daughter just so that she could once again handle the lighting as she has done for so many years. Hayley Trenwith took time out of her busy schedule at Gainsborough Photographics to take our pictures and ex students Lachlan Martin, Bee Yardley, Ashley Rybalka, Kate Rybalka, Kelly Freer and Frankie Gibson found time to help with hair and makeup. We also thank Sarah Hartwich, Mike Oakley for driving the truck and Cherie Baker Hutton for turning out on freezing mornings to help run the car boot sale and raise the necessary funds, as well as the parent volunteers from the music group.

Thank you to everyone who worked on the 2008 production and be assured that for as long as there is a stage on which we can work, we will be there.

Alan Todd, Producer/Director



Rock Eisteddfod 2008

POSITION IN STATE 1ST

All the Pretty Boxes

1st



Handball

On 2nd May the European Handball carnival was held and Brighton sent its highly motivated Open Boys squad. Although it had hardly played handball properly before, the team played a high standard and won all matches except the one against Tibor (4-6). Nevertheless, that was enough to reach the grand final where the Brighton team versed the Tibor team for another time. Despite losing the first match, the team knew that they had a fair chance to win the cup and by covering mistakes made in the first match, the Brighton team played its presumably best match in the whole competition and won with a clear 5-2 victory. Also the challenge match after the big final in which the Brighton team played against an All-Star team, even featuring a national squad player, was won with ease so that the happy boys could present the cup trophy to Mrs. O'Neill on their arrival back from a day to remember. Team members: Jason Barber; Liam Martin; Taylor Kurbis; Matthew Hampton; Kieran Speight; Michael Burt; Justin White; Luke Fleming; Bjoern Kohn; Grant Mutton.



Year 8, 9 Girls Knockout Football State Champions

Congratulations to the Yr 8 / 9 Girls Knockout Football team. After winning 5 matches throughout terms 2 & 3 Brighton played Tyndale Christian School in the Grand Final at Richmond Oval. After a somewhat nervous and slow start, Brighton played hard and committed football to become State Champions. Throughout the series all of the girls displayed various strengths and abilities. Special mentions must go to Georgia Bevan who won the 'Woman of the Match Award' and Ms Rodger for coaching the team to an outstanding victory. Final scores were: Brighton 9.17 defeated Tyndale 1.3.



Open Girls Knockout Basketball

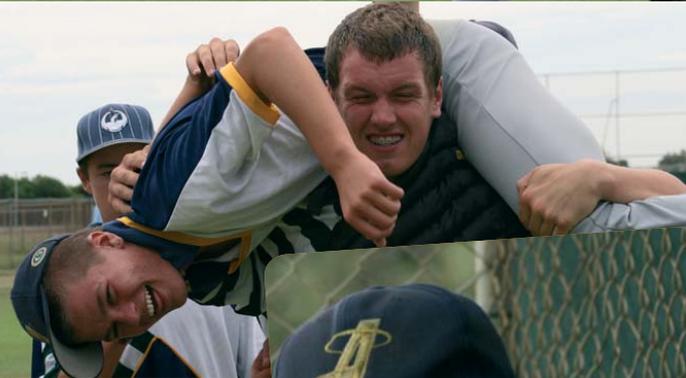
After making their way to the Open Girls Pool B Finals with easy victories over Adelaide and Pasadena, the Open Girls Basketball team won their way through to the Grand Final with victories over OLSH (45-27), Edward John Eyre (42-38) and Henley (60-45). The Grand Final was played against Seymour College in a close encounter where the lead changed many times. Seymour ran out victors 48-42. Overall, it was a fantastic second place finish for an Open team that consisted of three senior students, five Year 9's and one Year 8



KO Baseball second in the state again!

Congratulations to our Knock-Out baseball team who have made it through to the Statewide finals again. The first game against Woodcroft College was a close one, with the go ahead run being scored in a nail biting last innings by a strong driving hit to centre field by Andrew Scott. Game 2 against Unley High School was a much easier win of 8 runs to 0, with strong pitching by Justin Roe, Tom Sellar and new recruit to the pitching role, Jordan Maslen. Jack Lush has been a power house with the bat and behind the plate in all games. In the Round Robin Finals we comfortably beat a competitive team from Grant High School, to play off in the Grand Final against Specialist baseball school Seaton High. Despite holding Seaton scoreless for three innings Seaton gained its first 3 runs in the 4th innings. We responded with 2 runs, but could not match the consistency of the opposition. The final score was 6 to 2.

By Jenny Hilterbrand



BIG SERVE: Brighton High students Lewis Dalby and Nicole Fourie give the school's new beach volleyball courts a run. Picture: Chris Wainwright

KO Baseball



Special Interest MUSIC

2008 has been another great year of music making at the Brighton Secondary School. We welcomed our newly appointed musician/teacher, Andrew Barrett to the Music Centre. Andrew is an outstanding classroom teacher and a professional musician in both piano and French Horn. He has composed and arranged a wide range of music for our students to perform in our 2008 Valedictory and Presentation Evening as well as for the Brighton Secondary School Concert Band to perform in China during our 2008 Concert Band Tour.

The Annual Chaplain's Concert was once again held in Glenelg's St Peter's Church where the Sinfonia and Brighton Secondary Symphony Orchestra showed their true musicianship. The Chaplain's Concert is particularly popular with the Holdfast Bay Community.

The Concert Choir, Treble Choir and Chamber Choirs were all prize winning choirs in this year's Adelaide Eisteddfod. The choirs gave an awe inspiring concert at the Pilgrim Uniting Church in June. We are hoping to hold a similar concert in 2009.

Choral specialist Annie Kwok was invited to participate at an international choir training course in Canada. She was subsequently invited to be the official piano accompanist to one of the finest girls' choirs in Canada, a very high honour for one of our Brighton Secondary School staff.

The Spectacular Concert was held at Elder Hall, University of Adelaide. The concert featured a very colourful troupe of dancers and younger percussionists from Eastern China. Dr William Hughes' first compact disc 'Hughes Plays Hughes' was officially launched by District Director John Binks-Williams at this spectacular concert.

Australian Local Hero Jonathon Welch of the 'Choir of Hard Knocks' fame, gave two very impressive master classes at Brighton Secondary School. Sponsored by the SA Government, these master classes really inspired students and staff from SA.

Many community concerts were given by Brighton Secondary School SIMC in 2008. These include: Cummins Historic Home Concert, Masonic Village

Concert, Legacy Concert, Meals on Wheels Concert, Neighbourhood Watch Concert, Lions Sound of Christmas and Salvation Army Concert to mention but a few.

2008 was a special year for our instrumental students. The Brighton Secondary School Concert Band went to China for a concert tour in November. This was the first time that an instrumental group from BSS SIMC has toured internationally. The Concert Band attended a band master class from Maestro Li FangFang at the Beijing Conservatory of Music. Li FangFang is an internationally known band conductor who provided music at the recent Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. Students visited the famous Bird's Nest and performed in concert halls in Shanghai.

The finale of this very busy year was the Annual Lessons and Carols Service at St Peter's Cathedral. We are delighted that the Tutti Ensemble from Minda Inc and old scholar Declan Lorenzin performed with us. The major work of this delightful event was 'And the Glory' from Handel's Messiah.

This year we were able to establish the Music Centre with our own "Facebook" group. Please join us on 'I did music at Brighton'. Would you believe that I have over 400 old scholars and friends contacting me through this group since March 2008?

Jeff Kong, Head of Music



Special Interest Volleyball Melbourne 2007

National Champions

2007 was a very successful year for the staff and students of the Brighton Secondary School SIV program, with success in State Wide Beach Tournaments, State Wide Knockout Tournaments, State Cup and the most important prize of all, announced as Australian School Champions at the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup in Melbourne, December 2007.

Across the board we had many successful team and individual results ranging from the Open Honour Boys to the Junior Honour Girls.

The following is a list of results for all teams from Brighton SIV which competed at the 2007 Australian Volleyball Schools Cup.

The Australian Volleyball Schools Cup Champion School is calculated by the top 6 Honours Teams results.

Along with a range of outstanding team results, we also had many students placing well in the MVP standings for their divisions, congratulations to Emma McEwen who was awarded MVP of the U/15 Girls Honour Division, below is a list of students who came in the top 5 for their division.

- Open Honour Girls Hannah Ross 3rd
- Under 17 Honour Girls Bethany Kodeng 2nd
- Under 16 Honour Boys Elliot King 5th
- Under 16 Honour Girls Nicole Seekamp 4th
- Under 15 Honour Girls Emma McEwen 1st
- Open Boys Division 1 Fraser Smith 3rd
- Under 17 Boys Division 1 Justin White 3rd
- Under 14 Boys Division 1 Allan Welsh 5th

<p>HONOUR TEAMS Open Honour Boys 1st U/17 Honour Boys 3rd U/16 Honour Boys 7th U/15 Honour Boys 4th</p> <p>DIVISIONAL TEAMS Open Div 1 Boys 3rd U/17 Div 1 Boys 4th U/16 Div 1 Boys 7th U/16 Div 2 Boys 3rd U/15 Div 1 Boys 1 15th U/15 Div 1 Boys 2 19th U/15 Div 2 Boys 10th U/14 Div 1 Boys 5th</p>	<p>HONOUR TEAMS Open Honour Girls 2nd U/17 Honour Girls 1st U/16 Honour Girls 1 5th U/16 Honour Girls 2 6th U/15 Honour Girls 2nd</p> <p>DIVISIONAL TEAMS Open Div 1 Girls 16th Open Div 2 Girls 11th U/17 Div 2 Girls 9th U/15 Div 1 Girls 1 3rd U/15 Div 1 Girls 2 8th U/15 Div 2 Girls 3rd</p>
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Facebook gives people the power to share and makes the world more open and connected.

Millions of people use Facebook everyday to keep up with friends, upload an unlimited number of photos, share links and videos, and learn more about the people they meet.

Here is an opportunity to connect with past scholars and staff from time spent at Brighton High School, Brighton Boys Technical High School, Mawson High School and Brighton Secondary School.

Homestay families needed

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To find out how you can be a part of the Brighton Secondary School short term homestay program call Deb Parsons on 83758238.

Judy Angus

BRIGHTON HIGH, 1961-65

In 2006 it was 45 years since we began our days at BHS. Following on from a Reunion that year, a small group has kept in touch, meeting for lunch every two months. This year we all reached the big '60' which we celebrated together in August by going out to dinner. Those in the photo are (from left) Janice Gardiner, Wendy (nee Cockerham), Angela (nee Hart), Barbara (nee Kohler), Pam (nee Jackson), Judy (nee Maschmedt), Caroline Ryan, and Gwyn (nee Gunner). When we are together we enjoy reminiscing about our school days but also sharing stories and photos of families, holidays, grandchildren etc.



If there is anyone else who was in Leaving Honours in 1965, who would like to join our gatherings, please contact Judy (nee Maschmedt) - tel. 82984045 or email : jaangus@bigpond.com

Graham Walsh

BRIGHTON HIGH 1952 – 1955

- 1956 Leaving Honours at Adelaide Boys High (not available then at BHS)
- Completed Degree in Building Technology at Adelaide University
- 1965 joined AVJennings in Adelaide. 1973 transferred to Brisbane as Qld. State Manager
- 1980 joined Leighton Contractors as Northern Zone Construction Group manager.
- 1986 joined Baulderstone Hornibrook as Queensland Construction Group manager.
- 1993 started own residential building business in Brisbane with son John - still going today.
- Married to Patricia for 43 years - Have 2 sons & 1 daughter & 3 grandchildren.
- Live on the river in Brisbane at St.Lucia near Qld.Uni. Retired from playing golf in 2000 due to back problems. Now a keen lawn bowler.



Jason Williams

BRIGHTON HIGH 1986-1990

My first memory of our school dates back to 1985 when I was in Year 7 at Hallett Cove South Primary School. Brighton then, as it does now, had a great reputation and I still remember filling out the enrolment form in the great hope that I'd be accepted along with my friends. Fortunately, many of my friends and I were accepted and subsequently joined the other 200 or so nervous Year 8s on the front oval in January 1986. From then until 1990 I was sometimes a good student, sometimes not and I always put off my homework until after Neighbours had finished on TV. I can happily tell you that I no longer watch Neighbours and that I'm enjoying working at Brighton Secondary School as an Assistant Principal. While there are many reminders of the school's history and proud tradition, the school has changed and is a great place to work in 2008. I look forward to contributing the school's direction in the future and to working with the many old scholars with whom I share a sense of pride as a "Brighton Boy".



Jenny Pedler (nee Wirtz)

BRIGHTON HIGH 1976-1980

- Completed Honours in bachelor of Chemical Engineering at University of Adelaide in 1984.
- Worked for petrochemical company "Compol" in Melbourne from 1985 to 1989. Moved to Darwin in 1989 to work for Mobil Australia.
- Married Ian in 1990 in Adelaide.
- Eldest daughter Anneliese born in Darwin in 1992.
- Daughter Hayley born in 1993 in Adelaide.
- Son Peter born in Adelaide in 1997.
- Living in Glenelg East and working in Fragrance Development with "Taste master" firm at Lonsdale.
- Still playing netball as well as coaching and acting as treasurer, for PHOS Camden Netball Club.



Robin Doceff

BRIGHTON HIGH 1954-1957

Robin attended Adelaide Girls' High School in 1958 for a Leaving Honours year followed by three years at Kintore Avenue Teachers' College and Adelaide University. Teaching at Elizabeth High and for Gawler Adult Education Centre followed, with marriage to Jan and the arrival of two young children before a move to NSW in 1967.



Music was always an interest and in NSW became a career, following studies at NSW State Conservatorium of Music. A busy life followed with the arrival of two more children, the establishment of a large teaching practice, concert performance, examining, teaching music in both public and private schools, and involvement in community and church life in Turrumurra NSW.

Choral and organ music have been a special interest and Robin currently holds the position of Minister of Music for the Anglican Parish of Hunters Hill, being custodian of two fine heritage organs and working in the ambience of two notable historic buildings.

Robin's children are all enjoying good careers, have all married and produced a total of eight grandchildren who in their turn have music instruction as part of Robin's ongoing music education activities. Jan, a clinical biochemist, retired some years ago and assists in the maintenance of Robin's still busy music schedule.

Robin Ruys, B.A., L.Mus.A., A.Cert.C.M., M.I.M.T., M.M.T.A.

Simonne Retaillick

BRIGHTON HIGH 1991-1995

When I tell people that I am teaching the ISEC (Intensive Secondary English Course) Program as well as a Year Level Manager at Brighton their first reaction is generally shock, closely followed by laughter. In my early years at Brighton I was not (apparently) the most studious of students. Although to my recollection I was just really outgoing...

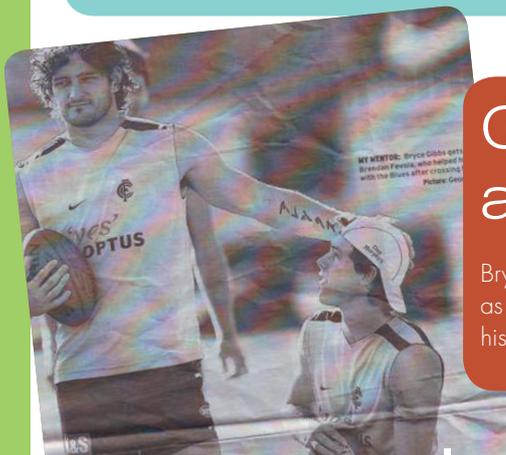


Since graduating from Brighton in 1995 I have worked and lived in Halls Creek, Western Australia, completed a Travel and Tourism course and worked briefly in a Travel Agency. Lived in Dublin, Ireland for a year and travelled Europe. On my return home I went on to University where I did a Bachelor of Cultural Tourism Degree. Following this I worked and lived in Sydney and Port Douglas, then back to university for a Post Graduate Degree in Education. Now here I am back at Brighton...

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Juanta is excellent as loopy Loo, and a real crowd favourite, with his energy and invention.



Gibbs hails Fevola a true Blue inspiration

Bryce Gibbs has singled out controversial full forward Brendan Fevola as a main reason for him settling at Princes Park and deciding to ink his name to a contract that will see him at the club until 2010.



Accolades rolling in for Brighton girl Hannah Lacrosse



By Rob Bidmeade

Former Brighton Secondary School student Hannah Nielsen was in elite company as a finalist in the 2008 Women's Port Foundation Sportswoman of the Year in the United States.

The Northwestern university student and a leading lacrosse player in the US was one of two collegiate athletes on the list, which also included professional athletes and Olympians.

Nielsen, 20, played a crucial role in helping the Wildcats to their fourth consecutive national championship this year.

She also became the first player in NU history to record consecutive 100 point seasons.

Nielsen is Northwestern's alltime assist leader and she was named the Player of the Year by the American Lacrosse conference, Inside Lacrosse, IWLCA, Womenslax.com and womeslacrosse.com.

She also won the Tewaaron Trophy for the nation's top collegiate lacrosse player, the Honda Sports Award for lacrosse and the Big Ten Suzy Favor Award for the conference's top female athlete.

The nominations for the Sports woman of the Year included Tennessee basketball player Candace Parke, Beijing Olympics beach volleyball gold medal lists Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh and tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams.

Nielsen was delighted to be nominated for the prestigious award.

"Obviously, it is a huge honour to be up for an award with such amazing athletes," she said before the presentation night.

Nielsen, who is studying a four year course in human development and psychological services at NU, will be back in Adelaide on December 8.

She will attend the Aussie World Cup Camp in Adelaide from December 13-21.

Australia will defend its world title in Prague next June after its 14-7 victory against the United States in the gold medal match of the 2005 World Cup in Annapolis, Maryland.



Michelle Brodie, Katherine Dennis and Stephanie Borek

Tough road to the top for Rhys

While he is basking in the fame of TV's So You Think You Can Dance Australia, it hasn't been an easy road to freedom for former Adelaide student Rhys Bobridge.

After leaving Brighton Secondary School in Year 10, Rhys did a brief stint at the Victorian College of the Arts, before taking a job at a theme park in Taiwan.

But singing and dancing have always been his first loves, thanks to his gran Sybil Killmier, now 81, who taught the talented youngster some of his first steps.





Road to recovery

This was supposed to be Chris Rawling's summer.

The emerging triathlon star from Warradale had made the sacrifices and was ready to reap the rewards.

He left Adelaide midway through last year and had spent most of the past 12 months training himself to exhaustion in North Queensland.

The 20-year-old had earned a spot in Triathlon Australia's Young Guns Squad and was hoping to make the national under 23 elite team to race the world championships next year. But it all came crashing down in a bizarre racing incident at Airlie Beach on September 14.

Rawling was leading the bike leg of the race when he crashed head-on into another cyclist who was not competing in the event and riding in the opposite direction.

According to news reports, a 22-year-old man was charged in relation to the incident. Rawling doesn't remember much about the 40km/h collision, but is reminded every day of his three broken vertebrae, broken jaw and facial fractures that required a six-hour operation.

He spent three days in an induced coma in a Townsville hospital and was released two weeks later.

"Things were going really well up there," Rawling said.

"I thought I was in the mix for the under-23 team and I was loving the training. So I'm disappointed about what happened but it's not the end of the world. I'm looking forward to racing again and there's always going to be next year."

Rawling, who now trains with Olympians Courtney Atkinson and Emma Moffatt at Kallangur, 20 minutes north of Brisbane is walking again but has to wear an upper-body brace for the next three months.

"The recovery's going well and I'm feeling better each day," he said before returning to Queensland last week. I haven't given up on worlds (world championships) but it's tough-going, I just hope I'm fit enough to race the selection races in April.

By Reece Homfray

HANNAH BOUND FOR UK

by Rob Bidmeade

Beach volleyball captured the imagination of spectators at the Beijing Olympics and now the attention will turn to the World Junior Championships at Brighton Beach in England from September 4-7.

Promising South Australian player Hannah Ross of Glenelg will gain invaluable experience in these championships.

Ross and her partner Jordan Mowen of the Queensland Academy of Sport, who are both 19, also played in a world Tour event in Kristiansand, Norway. This was held from August 26-31.

"We hope to go as far as we can in the competition (in England) and play our best and really enjoy the experience," Ross said before she left Adelaide.

Ross is in the high performance training squad at the SA Sports Institute and plays indoor volleyball for the South Adelaide Volleyball Club.

She also is in the national senior indoor squad preparing for the first Asian Women's Cup volleyball championships in Thailand from October 1-7.

"I started volleyball in 2004 through a talent identification squad at SASI," Ross said.

"My major achievements have been making this under-21 Australian beach team and getting selected into the senior Australian women's squad."



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SCHOOL ATTENDED

- Brighton Mawson High
 Brighton Boys Technical High Brighton Secondary School

Years Attended _____

Brief summary of activities, work and family since leaving school. Photograph now and/or then, optional. (Sorry, photograph can not be returned)

Chairperson's Report 2008

Acting Chairperson's Report 2007/08

FRIENDS OF BRIGHTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

At the Charities and Recognition Assembly, on 20 November, the Friends of Brighton Secondary School Award was presented to Idris Martin, a Year 11 boy who has exhibited qualities of leadership and a commitment to citizenship within the school community, through service to school and others.

2009 will mark the start of a new direction in communication for our group. The school is in the process of establishing a "Facebook" site to enable any interested parties to "talk" to each other. Whether it be reminiscing about their time at school or their current activities, we hope this avenue of communication will encourage old scholars to also contact or interact with the school.

Also in 2009, the school will introduce a one-to-one learning system through the use of laptop computers, starting with the Year 9 students in second semester. Considerable funds will be spent to enable optimal coverage of the whole school site.

The emphasis of the financial support for the school from the Friends has in the past been on refurbishing the existing Spence Hall or funding a new performing arts centre adjacent to the beach volleyball courts. Due to changes in Commonwealth Government funding, the latter has been postponed for the interim.



Our immediate goal is to support the new technologies that our present day students need to master to give them the best standard of education possible.

Also ahead is the Diamond Anniversary of the establishment of Brighton High School in 2012. A local venue for a cocktail party or dinner are two ideas that have been discussed. Please consider joining our group to help organise a memorable evening.

Consider how your connections and association with the group can benefit you and future generations, and take action. Join the committee, support the reunion events and encourage other old scholars or interested individuals to do the same.

Rosey Neeves
Acting Chairperson

Dear Alumni,

If you would like to provide an article(s) for future 'Connections' newsletters, please email david.thomson@brightonss.sa.edu.au with 100-200 words of text. If you have a particular photo(s) that you would like included, please attach this to the email.

Thank you in anticipation

David Thomson
Coordinator Community Development

